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TAGS: SHUM, UY
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: HIGH INTEREST IN RECENT ARREST OF RAUL
LOMBARDI ESCAYOLA

1. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF ALMOST A DOZEN LETTERS WRITTEN BY AMERICAN CITIZENS ON BEHALF OF RECENTLY-ARRESTED DR. RAUL LOMBARDI ESCAYOLA. EVERY WRITER SENDS A LETTER TO COL. MAYNARD, DIRECTOR OF OCIP, AND SEVERAL SEND ADDITIONAL LETTERS TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO NAVY CINC MARQUEZ (BECAUSE SUBJECT WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND REMAINS DETAINED BY THE FUSILEROS NAVALES).

2. POLOFF SPOKE WITH LOMBARDI'S WIFE, JEANNINE DUBOURDIEU DE LOMBARDI, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS ARREST ON JUNE 15. AT THAT TIME, NEITHER SHE NOR THE EMBASSY KNEW WHERE HE WAS CONFINED OR WHY. ON JULY 26, LOCAL RADIO STATIONS CARRIED THE NEWS OF HIS ARREST FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED THE NEXT DAY BY REPORTS IN ALL MAJOR MONTEVIDEO NEWS-PAPERS.

3. REPORTEDLY, LOMBARDI'S ARREST WAS BASED ON THE STATEMENTS OF ANOTHER PRISONER, GUSTAVO LEOPOLDO VILARO NIETO, A PRISONER KNOWN FOR HIS SUBVERSIVE CONNECTIONS.

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LOMBARDI ALLEGEDLY OPERATED AN URBAN FIELD HOSPITAL IN THE EARLY 1970'S WHICH CARED FOR MLN-TUPAMAROS INJURED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH URUGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES. ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC CHARGES HAVE NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST LOMBARDI, HE IS CURRENTLY DETAINED BY THE FUSILEROS NAVALES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY PENAL CODE, BY WHICH ALMOST ALL ACCUSED SUBVERSIVES ARE PROSECUTED.

4. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF THE OPEN PUBLICITY OF THIS ARREST,
SUBJECT'S HEALTH IS PROBABLY SATISFACTORY AND THE CONDITIONS
OF HIS DETENTION HUMANE. THE EMBASSY WILL INCLUDE THE LOMBARDI
CASE ON ITS NEXT LIST PRESENTED TO COLONEL MAYNARD OF THE
INFORMATION OFFICE (OCIP).
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